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Here are some of the programs I use on a regular basis: Mozilla Firefox, Illuminate (Student Information System), Jupiter Grades (online grading/contact portal), CMail (District Email), Accelerated Math, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Hyperstudio

### MICROSOFT OFFICE 2008:

[http://www.internet4classrooms.com/msword\\_keyboard.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/msword_keyboard.htm) Shows the common shortcuts along with some that are lesser known like **⌘+Shift+W**

**Underline words but not spaces** that I will use when typing directions in real time to highlight important things. This web site also has the same thing for Excel, but not PowerPoint.

<http://www.lynda.com/> I use this site to show students video tutorials on the basics of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. There are many FREE videos to watch.

### HYPERSTUDIO:

[\*HyperStudio Workshop\*](#) This pdf contains shortcuts, as well as, a few activities and resources for more information. Will use when we get to HyperStudio this semester.

### INDESIGN CS5:

<http://indesignsecrets.com/poster/maccloseup.html> This is what I need to help make me more proficient and efficient when developing our yearbook pages.

### ILLUMINATE (STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM):

<https://www.illuminateed.com/index.html> We use this system because a former district principal retired and started this company and our district technology person reviewed it and decided we needed it. It is ok, but we are the guinea pigs. They come to us to get feedback and ask for changes. They are desperately trying to be like Jupiter Grades, but they are not that good! Not intuitive, hard to use. According to their website, student/parent portal is available. Guess that is what our “training” is going to be about in two weeks?!

### **JUPITER GRADES:**

<http://jupitergrades.com/> Our PTSA is currently paying for all of our teachers to use this online grade/contact portal. There is a Student Information System available, but our district will not switch due to our tangled web with Illuminate. This has been a huge boon to our students being held responsible for their work since all of their grades are available for viewing at anytime by their parents, themselves, and teachers/administrators. The parents also have one-click access to all their child's teacher's emails. It also stores files. Just read that it's new component of JunoEd.com is now capable of storing textbook files and that kids can submit their answers via any web enabled device directly to the teacher's gradebook!

### **ACCELERATED MATH:**

I don't use this program much. I am only using it to make Quiz retakes. I learned that it is not as difficult as I thought to set goals. I also learned that students using AM should be completing up to four objectives per week. We have been told not to use the program as often because of the amount of paper it uses!